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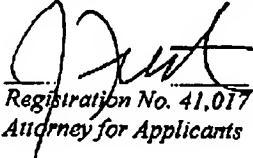
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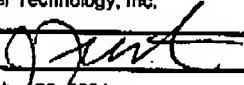
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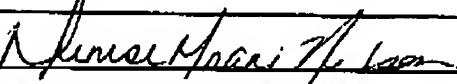
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1253 950	2253 475	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
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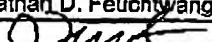
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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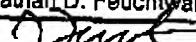
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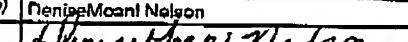
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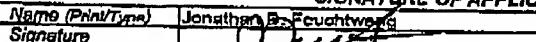
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